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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR. பெருமை வாய்ந்த ஸ்தலமாக இருப்பதால், யாத்திரிகர்களும் பார்வையாளர்களும் நிறைய வருவதால், ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் ஏதாவது செய்ய ஏற்பாடு செய்வீர்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : **Drainage** திட்டத்தை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு முன் குடிதண்ணீர் திட்டம் மிகவும் அவசியம். அநேக முனிசிபாலிடிகளில் குடிதண்ணீர் திட்டம் இல்லை. ஆகையால், அதற்கு முதல் முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று இருக்கிறோம். அந்த அடிப்படையில் அதிகமாக இந்த **Drainage** திட்டத்தை எடுத்துக் கொள்வதற்கில்லை. அதுதான் எடுத்துச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். ஆனால், முனிசிபாலிடிகளே அந்தப் பணத்தைச் செலவு பண்ணுவதாக இருந்தால், ஆட்சேபணையில்லை. கவர்ன்மெண்டிலிருந்து பண உதவி கொடுத்துச் செய்வதாக இருந்தால், முதலில் குடிதண்ணீருக்குத்தான் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கும் நிலையில் இருக்கிறது.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU . மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் எத்தனை நகரசபைகளில் இந்த **drainage** திட்டம் . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not a supplementary question arising out of the main question.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know whether there is any scheme ready with the Government for supply of potable water to the city of Kancheepuram?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : They have got it already. There is a scheme. (Interruption) If it is not sufficient, it has got to be augmented. Now the idea is to have water-supply schemes for all municipalities under the Third Plan.

Bridge across the river Tambaraparani

* 303 *Q.*—SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge across the river Tambaraparani between Tirunelveli and Palayamcottai; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) There is a proposal to construct a bridge across Tambaraparani river on the new byepass road to the National Highway 7 proposed to be formed outside the municipal limits of Tirunelveli and Palayamcottai. The proposal has been forwarded to the Government of India for inclusion in the Third Five-Year Plan and their orders are awaited. There is also another proposal to construct a submersible bridge between Tirunelveli and Palayamcottai within municipal limits near the existing Sulochana Mudaliar bridge, as the bridge on the proposed byepass road outside the municipal limit may not be of use to the local public. This proposal is just being examined by the Chief Engineer (Highways and Rural Works).

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SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR : Is there any proposal to widen the present bridge?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : There is no such proposal.

Encroachments on Highways

* 304 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the instructions, if any, issued to the Highways Engineers in regard to the removal of encroachments on Highways in road margins;

(*b*) the principles laid down in this regard; and

(*c*) the action taken for the removal of such encroachments?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) The Chief Engineer (Highways and Rural Works) has issued the following instructions to the Superintending Engineers (Highways and Rural Works) and Divisional Engineers (Highways and Rural Works) in his Circular, dated 27th June 1960.

" It has been brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer (Highways) that there are many unauthorised encroachments on the road side margins by way of removal of earth from the berms, erection of brick kilns, storing materials for private construction, etc. Besides hindering the free flow of traffic, such encroachments ultimately lead to the deterioration of the berms, and the side drains endangering the very road structures in the long run and resulting in unnecessary expenditure to Government.

The Officers of this Department are therefore instructed to take immediate steps to evict all such unauthorised encroachments forthwith and also ensure that such practices are not resorted to in future ".

(*b*) The normal width for National Highway, State Highway, Major District Road and other District Road is 200′, 200′, 100′, and 80′ respectively. If the encroachments exist outside the normal width of the road concerned, such encroachments will be treated as unobjectionable and concurrence will be given to the Revenue Department to grant licence or lease for those encroachments. If the encroachments are within the normal width of the Road, they will be treated as objectionable and the Revenue Department will be requested to evict the encroachments under Sections 6 and 7 of the Land Encroachments Act.

(*c*) Revenue authorities will take necessary action to evict the encroachments on road margin under sections 6 and 7 of the Land Encroachment Act as and when cases of objectionable encroachments are brought to the notice of the Revenue authorities by the Highways Department.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the encroachments are there even after the order issued by the Government?